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ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

Annual Report covering the period from 25 April 1997 to 23 April 1998

INTRODUCTION

1. The present Annual Report was adopted unanimously by the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) at the sixth meeting of its fifty-third session on 23 April 1998.

CHAPTER I

ISSUES CALLING FOR ACTION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL OR BROUGHT TO ITS ATTENTION

2. The Commission draws the attention of the Council to its decision A (53) on Review of the UN regional commissions by the Economic and Social Council (for the full text see Chapter IV).

CHAPTER II

WORK OF THE COMMISSION SINCE ITS FIFTY-SECOND SESSION

A. Activities of subsidiary bodies

3. A list of meetings held since the fifty-second session is contained in Annex I, showing in each case the dates, the officers and the symbols of the report. These reports record the agreements reached and decisions taken.

B. Other activities

4. The secretariat serviced the regular session of the Commission, meetings of its subsidiary bodies, and other meetings held under its auspices. A list of the reports submitted to the fifty-third session of the Commission is given in Annex II. Periodic reviews, including the last annual version of the Economic Survey of Europe and of the Economic Bulletin for Europe, and a series of specialized statistical bulletins, were published. The secretariat maintained close and regular liaison with United Nations Headquarters and cooperated with the Departments concerned, as well as with the secretariats of the other regional commissions on projects of common interest.

C. Relations with other United Nations Programmes

5. The cooperation of the Commission and its secretariat in 1997/1998 with various United Nations bodies and other international organizations, as well as with their secretariats, is described in document E/ECE/1362.

CHAPTER III

FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

A. Attendance and organization of work

6. The fifty-third session of the Commission was held from 21 to 23 April 1998. The Commission heard remarks by the Chairman and the Executive Secretary.

7. The fifty-third session was attended by representatives from Albania, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America.

8. The session was attended by representatives of the European Community.

9. A representative of the Holy See participated under article 8 of the Commission's terms of reference.

10. Representatives of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the following specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations were in attendance: International Labour Office (ILO), International Monetary Fund (IMF), European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), World Trade Organization (WTO) and CIS Interstate Economic Committee.

11. For discussion of the ECE cooperation with subregional groupings and initiatives, representatives of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC), Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), and Southeast European Cooperative Initiative (SECI) were in attendance.

12. The following non-governmental organizations were represented: International Chamber of Commerce, International Council of Women; International Federation of Business and Professional Women, International Federation for Housing and Planning, World Federation of United Nations Associations; Zonta International.

13. A complete list of participants can be found in document E/ECE(53)/INF.1/Rev.1.

B. Agenda

14. The Commission adopted its agenda (E/ECE/1358/Rev.1) which read as follows:

1. Adoption of the Agenda

2. Strengthening cooperation within the ECE region

   (a) Major trends in the ECE region

   (b) Operational activities and cooperation with subregional groupings, interests and initiatives

   (c) Cooperation with the business community and NGOs

3. Implementation of the Reform and preparations for the ECOSOC review of the regional commissions

   (a) Exchange of views on the implementation of the reform, with the participation of Principal Subsidiary Bodies

   (b) Exchange of views on intersectoral issues and cross-sectoral concerns, with the participation of Principal Subsidiary Bodies

   (c) Relations with other regional, subregional and global organizations and institutions

   (d) Commission Session

   (e) Other matters arising from the work of subsidiary bodies requiring decision by the Commission

4. Election of Officers

5. Other business

6. Annual Report of the Commission

C. Election of Officers

15. The Chairman of the fifty-third session of the Commission was Mr. Peter Náray (Hungary) and the Vice-Chairmen were Mr. Michael Bartolo (Malta), Ms. Eveline Herfkens (Netherlands) and Mr. Mykola Maimeskul (Ukraine).

16. Mr. Igor Vencel (Slovakia) was designated Rapporteur by the Bureau.

17. At its sixth meeting the Commission elected by acclamation Ms. Eveline Herfkens (Netherlands) Chairman of the fifty-fourth session. Mr. Petros Eftychiou (Cyprus), Mr. Miroslav

Somol (Czech Republic) and Mr. Bolat Utemuratov (Kazakhstan) were elected Vice-Chairmen of the fifty-fourth session.

D. Account of proceedings

Strengthening cooperation within the ECE region
(Agenda item 2)

(a) Major trends in the ECE region

18. As called for in the Plan of Action, the secretariat organized a debate on a major economic theme which at this session focused on factors which may increase divergences in economic development among the countries of the region. The debate was structured as follows:

(i) The fragility of the banking system in the transition economies and their vulnerability to external shocks: could a crisis similar to those which occurred in Latin America and Asia occur in Europe? The debate was launched by a panel consisting of the following persons who gave their views on the subject: Mr. Marek Belka (former Minister of Finance and currently Adviser to the President of Poland); Mr. Bernhard Molitor, Chairman, OECD Economic Development and Review Committee; Mr. Marjan Senjur, Minister of Economic Relations and Development of Slovenia; and Mr. Bernard Snoy, Director, EBRD. This segment also benefited from the conclusions of the seminar on Enterprise and Bank Restructuring in the Transition Economies which took place on the day preceding the Commission session;

(ii) The economic risks as well as the benefits to the region of increased globalization. The debate was led by Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of UNCTAD and Mr. Milijove Panic, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom;

(iii) The economic opportunities and challenges presented by the introduction of the Euro for non-EU countries and the implications for their monetary and trade policies. Mr. Bernhard Molitor, Chairman, OECD Economic Development and Review Committee, acted as Moderator for this segment. He was joined by the following discussion leaders: Mr. Marjan Senjur, Minister of Economic Relations and Development of Slovenia; Mr. Joly Dixon, Director of International Economic and Financial Affairs, DGII, European Commission, Brussels; and Mr. Massimo Russo, Special Adviser to the Managing Director, IMF.

19. In compliance with the Plan of Action, the discussion of the debate will be summarized by the secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau, and circulated to member States after the Commission session.

(b) Operational activities and cooperation with subregional groupings, interests and initiatives

20. The Commission took note of the report on Operational activities and cooperation with subregional groupings, interests and initiatives (E/ECE/1359 and Corr.1) and requested the Executive Secretary to continue to respond in a balanced manner to the requests for technical assistance. While recognizing the benefits of responding to demands emanating from subregional groupings or initiatives, given the multiplier effect and the limited resources available, attention should continue to be given to the needs of individual countries, it being understood that the Executive Secretary will inform member countries about important programmes of assistance being requested and on their implementation.

21. Given the limited resources available, it was agreed that the selection of projects, whether emanating from sub-regions or from individual countries, should be based on their value-added and merit. Within this framework, the Executive Secretary was requested to pay particular attention to countries who do not benefit sufficiently from other programmes of technical assistance.

22. The Executive Secretary was also requested to intensify the attention paid to the specific circumstances of the Commission's Mediterranean countries in implementing its programme of work.

23. The Commission expressed its appreciation of the effective cooperation and dialogue that had been established with subregional organizations and initiatives and it invited the Executive Secretary to continue to strengthen this cooperation, stressing that it be complementary to that provided by other institutions and organizations.

24. The Executive Secretary was also invited to continue his efforts to explore ways of increasing extra-budgetary funding for the Commission's operational activities and the Coordinating Unit for Operational Activities, in collaboration with the relevant financial institutions. The Commission underlined the necessity to strengthen coordination of these activities through the Coordinating Unit for Operational Activities, established in accordance with the Plan of Action. In addition, to facilitate the participation in meetings of representatives of the more disadvantaged transition countries, support was expressed for holding seminars and workshops on the eve of the Commission's annual session and the meetings of its Principal Subsidiary Bodies.

(c) Cooperation with the business community and NGOs

25. The Commission took note of the report on Cooperation between the ECE and the business community (E/ECE/1360). It decided to establish an open-ended ad hoc working group composed of member States and the secretariat, as foreseen by the Plan of Action, in order to consider and develop ethical guidelines and practices governing relationships with the business community.

26. While acknowledging that the working group will decide on the exact topics to be addressed, as well as the modalities of consultations with the business community, the Commission suggested that the conclusions of document E/ECE/1360 serve as a basis for initiating the work of the group, taking into account the issues raised in the relevant document.

27. The Commission further decided that the group should begin its work as soon as possible and make a first progress report to the Commission at its ad hoc informal meeting in Autumn 1998.

Implementation of the Reform and preparations for the ECOSOC review of the regional commissions
(Agenda item 3)

(a) Exchange of views on the implementation of the reform, with the participation of Principal Subsidiary Bodies
(b) Exchange of views on intersectoral issues and cross-sectoral concerns, with the participation of Principal Subsidiary Bodies

28. Under this item, the Commission held an exchange of views with the Chairpersons of the PSBs on the implementation of the ECE reform. Having reviewed the progress in the implementation of the reform, including intersectoral issues and cross-sectoral concerns, based on documents E/ECE/1361 and Add.1, the Commission:

(a) Confirmed the decision of the Inland Transport Committee to maintain the standing character of the Meetings of Experts under the Working Party on the Construction of Vehicles (WP.29) and to rename them "Working Parties";

(b) Confirmed the decision of the Committee on Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development to maintain the standing character of the Meetings of Experts under the Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce and Quality Development (WP.7) and decided to rename them "Specialized sections" of the Working Party corresponding to the names of the former Meetings of Experts;

(c) On considering the particular case of the Bureau of the Committee on Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development, agreed that, in order not to disrupt the work of the Committee, the current Bureau membership (consisting of a chairman, a vice-chairman and chairpersons of the related Working Parties) should continue for a transition period of one year i.e. until its annual session in 1999, at which time the composition of the Committee's Bureau should be adjusted to become more in line with the Bureaux of other PSBs;

(d) Requested PSBs to encourage their related bodies to adopt the same report format as that of the reports of the PSBs;

(e) Endorsed the follow-up mechanism approved by the Regional Conference on Transport and Environment that the ECE undertake the overall monitoring of the implementation of the Conference's Programme of Joint Action through joint meetings of the bureaux of the Inland Transport Committee and the Committee on Environmental Policy;

(f) In response to the concern expressed by ACABQ that the UN's publications programme did not receive sufficient intergovernmental scrutiny, requested that each PSB review the recurrent publications falling within its purview in order to determine whether their continued publication is merited and communicate the results of the review to the secretariat for transmittal to the ACABQ.

29. The Commission endorsed the following "Common Guidelines for Prioritization of the Work of PSBs".

Prioritization of work should take place between all activities of each PSB.

Each PSB should decide at what level it prioritizes these activities.

Subordinate bodies of PSBs should be responsible, in the first instance, for prioritizing their own work elements. PSBs can amend the priorities of their subordinate bodies, if necessary, when they review their work programmes.

Prioritization by PSBs should also take place at a level of activities employing at least one staff member.

PSBs should rank their work as "higher", "medium" or "lower" priority. They should be obliged to include at least one activity in each category.

PSBs should identify what they would do with more resources.

In order to facilitate discussion of priorities in PSBs, their bureaux should present member States with a suggested priority ranking in advance of the meeting.

Objectives should be stated for all programme activities and programme elements showing what results are expected within a given time frame. When an activity will continue for more than two years, the objective should state what outputs or progress are expected within the next two years (or earlier). It is not sufficient simply to state "continuing" as the time frame for achieving the objective.

PSBs are invited to conduct this prioritizing biennially prior to the budget submission unless they find it useful to continue to do so annually.

In view of the major restructuring of the Committee on Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development, that Committee is invited to consider the issue of prioritization during the

forthcoming June session and to report back to the next ad hoc informal meeting of the Commission.

(c) Relations with other regional, subregional and global organizations and institutions

30. Under this item, the Commission reviewed the relations between ECE and other regional, subregional and global organizations and institutions carrying out activities of the same nature and in the same areas as ECE and whose membership includes all or some ECE countries. Document E/ECE/1362 on Implementation of the reform: Relations with other regional, subregional and global organizations and institutions served as background material for discussion. The Commission agreed with the proposals contained in the document as follows:

- That the ECE secretariat pursue the work on harmonizing the UNCTAD Recommendation on the establishment of national trade and transport facilitation organizations and the ECE Recommendation No.4 on National Trade Facilitation Organs; that on all issues of common concern coordination between the two organizations be strengthened; and that the Executive Secretary maintain dialogue with the Secretary-General of UNCTAD and report on progress achieved at the next session of the Commission;

- That meetings be held between the Regional Office of UNEP for Europe and the ECE Environment and Human Settlements Division in order to coordinate work and identify new opportunities for cooperation;

- That ECE collaborate with HABITAT in organizing joint training activities for countries in transition and that a further meeting be held in order to define further activities to be carried out jointly;

- That annual meetings be held between the senior staff of the ECE and the UNDP Regional Bureau for Central European and CIS countries, primarily relating to the fields of environment and sustainable development as well as areas where UNDP has started to develop some activities (e.g. statistics, energy) or may do so in the future (e.g. trade and transport) with a view to enlarging the scope of cooperation in operational activities;

- That conclusions of the meetings between ECE and UNDP described above be sent to the Resident Coordinators to ensure that ECE expertise and networks are taken into account in the relevant UNDP activities as well as in the preparation of the national policy and programming frameworks, namely the country strategy notes (CSN) and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF);

- That ECE and OECD meet at the senior management level in order to examine the long-term directions for cooperation between the two organizations, with the aim of setting up consultations, for each common area of work, between the corresponding ECE divisions and OECD directorates;

- That, in particular, ECE and OECD work together to ensure continuation of an effective monitoring of the application of the international standards for fruit and vegetables;

- That the ECE (through the Committee on Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development), in cooperation with the EU, EBRD and OECD, consider the possibility of harmonizing the guidelines for SMEs developed by these organizations ;

- That discussion takes place at the highest executive level of the EU and ECE in order to determine how the ECE framework can best serve in promoting further integration of transition countries.

(d) Commission session

31. The Commission took note of the Chairman's note E/ECE/1363 on his consultations related to the biennialization of the annual session of the Commission and agreed with the proposal that the Group of Experts on the Programme of Work continue its examination of relevant legal and other aspects of biennialization, taking into account the views expressed during the consultations, and report its findings to the Commission.

32. In the context of biennialization, it decided to review the existing rules on the convening of ad hoc meetings of the Commission with the objective of making them more flexible.

33. The Commission further agreed that the role of its bureau and the usefulness of having more frequent informal contacts among delegations and the secretariat should also be examined.

Other business
(Agenda item 5)

34. The Chairman announced that the new Bureau would look into tentative dates for the holding of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission in Geneva, taking into account the need to avoid choosing dates which might conflict with those of other important meetings. No objections were raised.

Adoption of decision

35. At its sixth meeting, the Commission adopted its decision A (53) on Review of the UN regional commissions by the Economic and Social Council. The full text of the decision is contained in Chapter IV.

Adoption of the Annual Report of the Commission
(Agenda item 6)

36. At its sixth meeting, on 23 April 1998, the Commission adopted its report covering the period from 25 April 1997 to 23 April 1998.

CHAPTER IV

DECISION ADOPTED BY THE FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

A (53) Review of the UN regional commissions by the Economic and Social Council

The Economic Commission for Europe,

Referring to Assembly resolution 52/12 B requesting, inter alia, the Economic and Social Council to conduct a review of the regional commissions of the United Nations,

Having considered documents E/ECE/1359 and Corr.1 and E/ECE/1362, relating to Relations with other regional, subregional and global organizations and institutions and Operational activities and cooperation with Subregional groupings, interests and initiatives, and,

Recalling the principles governing the relationship of ECE with other bodies as set forth in Chapter IV of its Plan of Action as contained in E/ECE/1355,

1. Reaffirms the need to strengthen ECE cooperation with other bodies according to complementarities in terms of mandates, membership and approaches to issues of common concern;

2. Stresses that in order to ensure synergies and coherence as well as to avoid duplication and inconsistencies, these relationships should be based on a regular exchange of information in common areas of work, on a mutual recognition and use of the expertise and experience available in each organisation, and lead to joint activities as appropriate;

3. Emphasizes the importance of dialogue among the secretariats of institutions and of consistent messages by governments in different fora in order to maximize cooperation among institutions;

4. Recognizes that ECE has acquired over the years considerable knowledge of the economies in transition and developed long-standing working relationships with these countries in the areas of its expertise;

5. Underlines that, in responding to the specific needs of the region, the ECE has two core functions: the development and harmonization of legal instruments, norms and standards in ECE's areas of expertise and the production of statistics and analyses in those areas;

6. Welcomes the involvement of interested non-member States in the development and adoption of ECE norms as well as the interest of other regions in using these norms, adapting them to their concerns and needs;

7. Further emphasizes that technical assistance activities of ECE are limited in scale and are undertaken in support of the above-mentioned functions, particularly for countries with economies in transition;

8. Underlines that ECE has also the role of bringing the contribution of the region to the global level and facilitating the implementation of international commitments in the region for its areas of work;

9. Draws the attention of the Economic and Social Council to the information on the relationships that ECE has built up with other organizations in its areas of cooperation, contained in documents E/ECE/1359 and Corr.1 and E/ECE/1362.

ANNEX I

LIST OF MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION'S SUBSIDIARY BODIES IN 1997/98

Body and officers		Session	Symbol of report
THE COMMISSION			
Ad hoc Informal Meeting of the Commission		6 November 1997	--
Chairperson:	Mr. P. Naray (Hungary)	27 January 1998	--
		2 April 1998	--
Regional Conference on Transport and the Environment		12-14 November 1997 Vienna (Austria)	ECE/RCTE/ CONF./8/FINAL
Co-Chairpersons:	Mr. H. Bartenstein (Austria)		
	Mr. C. Einem (Austria)		
Vice-Chairpersons:	Mr. P. Gantar (Slovenia)		
	Mr. G. Strang (United Kingdom)		
	Mr. N. Tsah (Russian Federation)		
Preparatory Committee of the Regional Conference on Transport and the Environment		15th (special) session 5-7 May 1997	ECE/RCTE/PC/81
Chairman:	Mr. S. Schimming (Germany)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. G. Gauvin (France)	16th session 30 June-2 July 1997	ECE/RCTE/PC/87
	Mr. V. Donchenko (Russian Federation)		
		17th (special) session 4-5 September 1997	ECE/RCTE/PC/94
Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution			
Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution		15th session 16-19 December 1997	ECE/EB.AIR/53
Chairman:	Mr. J. Thompson (Norway)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. J. Beale (United States)		
	Mr. L. Björkbom (Sweden)		
	Mr. K. Bull (United Kingdom)		
	Mr. M. Williams (United Kingdom)		
	Mr. J. Zurek (Poland)		
	Mr. R. Görgen (Germany)		
	Mr. L. Lindau (Sweden)		

Body and officers		Session	Symbol of report
Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP)		21st session 1-3 September 1997	EB.AIR/GE.1/1997/2
Chairman:	Mr. M. Williams (United Kingdom)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. R. van Aalst (Netherlands) Mr. H. Hojesky (Austria) Mr. A. Kulmala (Finland) Ms. M. Lesnjak (Slovenia) Ms. G. Mitosek (Poland)		
Working Group on Effects		16th session 27-29 August 1997	EB.AIR/WG.1/1997/2
Chairman:	Mr. K. Bull (United Kingdom)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. B. Achermann (Switzerland) Mr. V.N. Bashkin (Russian Federation) Mr. G. Fenech (Canada) Mr. R. Guardans (Spain) Mr. J. Kämäri (Finland)		
Working Group on Strategies		21st session 16-20 June 1997	EB.AIR/WG.5/44
Chairman:	Mr. L. Bjorkbom (Sweden)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. W. Draper (Canada) Mr. V. Keizer (Netherlands) Mr. V. Sokolovsky (Russian Federation) Mr. D. Jost (Germany) Mr. D. Stone (Canada)	22nd session 15-19 September 1997	EB.AIR/WG.5/46
		23rd session 20-24 October 1997	EB.AIR/WG.5/48
		24th session 19-23 January 1998	EB.AIR/WG.5/50
		25th session 9-13 February 1998	EB.AIR/WG.5/52
		26th session 16-19 March 1998	EB.AIR/WG.5/54
Working Group on Abatement Techniques		5th session 2-3 June 1997	EB.AIR/WG.6//10
Chairman:	Mr. L. Lindau (Sweden)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. M. Venanzi (Italy)		

Body and officers		Session	Symbol of report
Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes			
Meeting of Parties to the Convention		1st meeting 2-4 July 1997 Helsinki (Finland)	ECE/MP.WAT/2
Chairman:	Mrs. L. Kauppi (Finland)		
Intergovernmental Meeting on the International Instrument on the Prevention, Control and Reduction of Water-related Disease		1st meeting 11-12 February 1998 Budapest (Hungary)	MP.WAT/AC.1/ 1998/2
Chairman:	Mr. A. Pinter (Hungary)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. W. Kakebeeke (Netherlands) Mr. V. Karamushka (Ukraine)		
ENVIRONMENT			
Committee on Environmental Policy		4th session 26-28 May 1997	ECE/CEP/35
Chairman:	Mr. I. Tokes (Hungary)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. P. Bogdanov (Russian Federation) Mr. C. Clini (Italy) Mr. R. Fort (Norway) Mr. H. Liiv (Estonia) Mr. B. Muehling (United States) Mr. M. Slokar (Slovenia) Mr. J. Reynolds (United Kingdom)		
Chairman:	Mr. U. Svidén (Sweden)	Special session 16-18 March 1998	ECE/CEP/38
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. C. Clini (Italy) Mr. S. Kuraev (Russian Federation) Mr. H. Liiv (Estonia) Mr. Y. Movchan (Ukraine) Mr. B. Muehling (United States) Mr. M. Slokar (Slovenia) Ms. S. Velisek (Switzerland)		
Working Group for the preparation of a draft convention on access to environmental information and public participation in environmental decision making		5th session 18-20 June 1997	CEP/AC.3/10
		6th session 9-11 July 1997	CEP/AC.3/12
Chairman:	Mr. W. Kakebeeke (Netherlands)	7th session 29 September- 3 October 1997	CEP/AC.3/14
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. Y. Pelovsky (Bulgaria) Mr. J. Jendroska (Poland)		

Body and officers	Session	Symbol of report
	8th session 1-5 December 1997 Rome (Italy)	CEP/AC.3/16
	9th session 12-16 January 1998	CEP/AC.3/18
	10th session 3-6 March 1998	CEP/AC.3/20
Ad Hoc Preparatory Working Group of Senior Officials "Environment for Europe"	1st session 29-30 May 1997	CEP/AC.4/2
Chairman: Mr. L. Bjørnskov (Denmark)	2nd session 20-22 October 1997 Århus (Denmark)	CEP/AC.4/4
	3rd session 19-20 March 1998	CEP/AC.4/1998/2
TRANSPORT		
Inland Transport Committee	60th session 12-16 January 1998	ECE/TRANS/125 and Add.1
Chairman: Mr. A. Suvorov (Russian Federation) **Vice-Chairman:** Mr. H. Courtois (Belgium)		
Ad Hoc Working Group for the Elaboration of a draft European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterway	4th session 30 June-2 July 1997	TRANS/AC.6/8
	5th session 1-3 October 1997	TRANS/AC.6/10
Chairman: Mr. R.J. van Dijk (Netherlands) **Vice-Chairman:** Mr. G. Kafka (Austria)	6th session 2-4 February 1998	TRANS/AC.6/12
Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics	10th session 23-25 September 1997	TRANS/WP.5/22
Chairman: Mr. W. Dörries (Germany) **Vice-Chairman:** Mr. V. Arsenov (Russian Federation)		
Working Party on Transport Statistics	48th session 3-5 November 1997	TRANS/WP.6/133
Chairman: Mr. E. Grib (Denmark)		

Body and officers		Session	Symbol of report
Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs		53rd session 24-27 November 1997	TRANS/WP.11/196
Chairman:	Mr. M. Eilsoe (Denmark)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. V. Tkatchev (Russian Federation)		
Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods		62nd session 12-16 May 1997	TRANS/WP.15/147
Chairman:	Mr. J. Franco (Portugal)	63rd session 17-21 November 1997	TRANS/WP.15/150
Vice-Chairman:	Mrs. A. Roumier (France)		
Joint Meeting of the RID Safety Committee and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods		22-26 September 1997	TRANS/WP.15/ AC.1/70
		23-27 March 1998 Berne (Switzerland)	TRANS/WP.15/ AC.1/72
Chairman:	Mr. A. Johansen (Norway)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. H. Rein (Germany)		
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Chairman:	Mr. H. Bates (Australia)	18 March 1998	GE.1/ 1998/10
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Chairman: Mr. G. Kincel (Austria)		
Seminar on Economic Aspects of Clean Technologies, Energy and Waste Management in the Steel Industry	20-24 April 1998 Linz (Austria)	TRADE/STEEL/ SEM.1/3
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Meeting of Experts on the Transport and Storage of Gas		28th session 19 September 1997	ENERGY/WP.3/ GE.3/14
Chairman:	Mr. R. van Noord (Netherlands)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. A. Zedelj (Croatia)		
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Vice-Chairmen:	Ms. A. Bergquist (Sweden) Mr. G. Siegel (Austria)		
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Economic Bulletin for Europe, Vol. 49 (1997) (Sales No. 97.II.E. 23)	E
La Commission économique pour l'Europe à l'âge de la mutation (E/ECE/1357)	F
Ageing Research in Europe: Demographic, Social and Behavioural Aspects (Sales No. GV.E.98.0.1)	E
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Environmental Performance Reviews Series

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TRANSPORT

Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations. Tenth revised edition (ST/SG/AC.10/1/Rev.10) (Sales No. E.97.VIII.1) *Also available in Arabic, Chinese and Spanish* E F R

European Agreement supplementing the Convention on Road Signs and Signals (E/ECE/812/Amend.1 : E/ECE/TRANS/566/Amend.1) E/F/R

European Provisions concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) (TRANS/WP.15/148) (Sales No. E.97.VIII.3) E F R

Protocol on Combined Transport on Inland Waterways to the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC) of 1991 (ECE/TRANS/122) E/F/R

Standardized UN/ECE Vocabulary for Radio-Connections (ECE/TRANS/NONE/97/92) *5-language booklet E/F/R/German/Dutch* E/F/R

Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions for Periodical Technical Inspections of Wheeled Vehicles and the Reciprocal Recognition of such Inspections (ECE/RCTE/CONF./4) E F R

Periodic Bulletins

Statistics of Road Traffic Accidents in Europe and North America, 1997, Vol. XLII (Sales No. 97.II.E.9) E/F/R

STATISTICS

Statistical Standards and Studies No. 49. Recommendations for the 2000 Censuses of Population and Housing in the ECE Region (Sales No. 98.II.E.5) E F R

Periodic Bulletins

Statistical Journal, Vol. 14, Nos. 1, 2, 3 & 4, 1997 (International Organizations Services, B.V.) E *

TRADE

Recommendation 21/Rev.2: Codes for Passengers, Types of Cargo, Packages and Packaging Materials, with complementary codes for package names (ECE/TRADE/211) E F R

Public-Private Partnerships - A New Concept for the Development of Infrastructure (Sales No. GV.E.97.E.9)	E
Structural and Ownership Changes in the Chemical Industry of Countries in Transition (ECE/CHEM/106) (Sales No. 97.II.E.17)	E
Compendium of Soil Clean-up Technologies and Soil Remediation Companies (ECE/CHEM/115) (Sales No. 97.II.E.19)	E
Restructuring of the Iron and Steel Industry - Impact of New Technologies (ECE/STEEL/103) (Sales No. 97.II.E.10)	E F R
ECE Steel Series 1997: Iron and Steel Scrap (ECE/STEEL/105) (Sales No. 97.II.E.15)	E
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Annual Bulletin of Trade in Chemical Products, 1995 (ECE/CHEM/112) (Sales No. 97.II.E.12)	E/F/R
The Chemical Industry in 1996, Production and Trade Statistics 1993-1995 (ECE/CHEM/113) (Sales No. 97.II.E.18)	E
Statistics of World Trade in Steel, 1996 (ECE/TRADE/215) (Sales No. 98.II.E.4)	E/F/R
Annual Bulletin of Steel Statistics for Europe, America and Asia, 1993-1996, Vol. XXIII (ECE/TRADE/216) (Sales No. 98.II.E.3)	E/F/R
The Steel Market in 1996 and Prospects for 1997 (ECE/STEEL/104) (Sales No. 97.II.E.13)	E

ENERGY

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Timber and Forest Information Series: Timber Committee Yearbook 1997 (ECE/TIM/INF/4)	E F R

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No.14: Forest and Forest Products, Country Profile - Russian Federation (ECE/TIM/SP/14) (Sales No. 97.II.E.21) — E

UN-ECE/FAO Timber and Forest Discussion Papers

No.12: Interim Report on the Implementation of Resolution H3 of the Helsinki Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (Results of the second enquiry) (ECE/TIM/DP/12) — E

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Timber Bulletin, Vol. XLIX (1996)

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Timber Bulletin, Vol. L (1997)

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No.3: Forest Products Annual Market Review, 1996-1997 (ECE/TIM/BULL/50/3) — E F R

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